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SUBJECT: US COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN SRI LANKA OIL
EXPLORATION

REF: A. NEW DELHI 9859; B. STATE 162362

1. TEXT OF INDIA-CEYLON BOUNDARY AGREEMENT WAS POUCHED TO
THE OFFICE OF THE GEOGRAPHER JULY 25.

2. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE 1, WHICH PROVIDES
COORDINATES FOR THE MEDIAN LINE:

BEGIN TEXT: THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN INDIA AND SRI LANKA
IN THE WATERS FROM ADAM'S BRIDGE TO PUNJAB STRAIT SHALL
BE ARCS OF GREAT CIRCLES BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS,
IN THE SEQUENCE GIVEN BELOW, DEFINED BY LATITUDE AND
LONGITUDE:

POSITION 1: 10 DEGREES 05' NORTH, 80 DEGREES 03' EAST

POSITION 2: 09 DEGREES 57' NORTH, 79 DEGREES 35' EAST

POSITION 3: 09 DEGREES 40.15' NORTH, 79 DEGREES 22.60' EAST

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POSITION 4: 09 DEGREES 21.80' NORTH, 79 DEGREES 30.70' EAST

POSTION 5: 09 DEGREES 13' NORHT, 79 DEGREES 32' EAST
POSITION 6: 09 DEGREES 06' NORTH, 79 DEGREES 32' EAST
END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTUCLE 7 ON STRUCTURES
WHICH STRADDLE MEDIAN LINE:
BEGIN TEXT: IF ANY SINGLE GEOLOGICAL PETROLEUM OR
NATURAL GAS STRUCTURE OR FIELD, OR ANY SINGLE GEOLOGICAL
STRUCTURE OF FIELD OF ANY OTHER MINERAL DEPOSIT, INCLUDING
SAND OR GRAVEL, EXTENDS ACROSS THE BOUNDARY REFERRED TO IN
ARTICLE 1 AND THE PART OF SUCH STRUCTURE OR FIELD WHICH IS
SITUATED ON ONE SIDE OF THE BOUNDARY IS EXPLOITED, IN WHOLE
OR IN PART, FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BOUNDARY, THE TWO
COUNTRIES SHALL SEEK TO REACH AGREEMENT AS TO THE MANNER
IN WHICH THE STRUCTURE OF FIELD SHALL BE MOST EFFECTIVELY
EXPLOITED AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROCEEDS DERIVING
THEREFROM SHALL BE APPORTIONED. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT GOI/GSL WILL FACE PROBLEM OF DEPOSITS
WHICH STRADDLE LINE UNTIL THEY HAVE TO; I.E., UNTIL SOMETHING
IS DISCOVERED. AFTER DISCOVERY OF AN OILFIELD OR GEOLOGIC
STRUCTURE, AND FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF THE AVAILABLE
RESERVES OF OIL OR GAS IN SUCH OILFIELD OR STRUCTURE, GOI
WILL THEN PROBABLY FAVOR ALLOCATIONS ON AN AGREED PERCENTAGE
BASIS OF THE TOTAL. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH CON-
CERNED POI PETROLEUM MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHEN THEY RETURN
FROM CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE.
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